

"Cool Off" at Derby's Aquatic Center Thanks to Brownfields Redevelopment

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The city of Derby requested that KDHE conduct a Brownfields Targeted Assessment (BTA) at a property being considered for redevelopment as an aquatic center in March 2003. The BTA property had historically been utilized as an agricultural field.

Interest for the aquatic center was generated by Supporters of the Aquatic Center (SOAC), a grass root citizen interest group. A consultant donated free design work for the center. The citizens of Derby then voted to approve a half-cent sales tax increase to finance construction.

Because no environmental concerns were identified at the property during the BTA, the city of Derby has redeveloped the property as an aquatic park. The park consists of three pools including a zero entry pool, a lap/diving pool and a water-slide plunge basin. A 30-foot high water slide and a lazy river float area were also constructed.



Derby residents enjoy a new aquatic center thanks to a joint effort to revitalize old properties into new uses.